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Another month has passed with more items being checked off of our to-do list here in Town Hall. So far this month we have watched a number of projects open, and have completed a number of them as well. The Mannix Road-Route 4 Round-a-bout is progressing nicely. The WWTP financing closed on September 26th, we are now waiting on plan approvals by DEC. We will continue to keep the Town up to date on this information.

On Monday, September 30th, I submitted my Tentative Budget to the Town Board and Town Clerk. This year I presented a budget with a zero increase in Town taxes. I have listened to a number of people who came to my office to express their concerns with our Town and wanted to show them that I listened. This wasn't an easy task. Projects had to be thoroughly reviewed and evaluated, and departments budget have been studied closely. As we reviewed it, we made sure that we were remaining responsible to the Town in all aspects.

The Greenbush Cemetery Association has informed the Town Board that they received a grant from the State of New York in the amount of \$75,000. This grant is helping to renovate 249 dangerous headstones and monuments within the Greenbush Cemetery on 9&20. This will improve the safety of the cemetery and will preserve the historical cemetery. If you have the opportunity, please check out the progress they are making.

At the beginning of the summer we talked of the repaving of Routes 9&20. Since then my office has received a number of inquiries as to why this has not happened yet. The reason for the delay is that the Town was presented with a proposal from the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC); this proposal has given the Town something to consider. On October 2, 2013 there was a public workshop held to discuss the plans of taking 9&20 from a four lane highway to three lanes, creating a center turning lane. It would allow for a pedestrian and/or bike lane along the road. The project would not widen or narrow the current width of the road. Essentially this is a repaving and restriping of the existing road. As we are provided information, we will make it available.

Be well.